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Re: Comments: Energy Tax Reform Working Group

Please add me to your list of those who **oppose the extension of the PTC** (Production Tax Credit). Our government has no business subsidizing, at the expense of taxpayers, the continuation of the PTC. In particular, I am **opposed to wind turbines** in areas where there is not sufficient wind to create generation of power and especially in areas where the natural and scenic beauty are destroyed. Maine, for example, depends upon tourism. Wind turbines will not only destroy tourism in Maine "Vacationland", but the windmills kill birds, bats, and other wildlife, in addition to creating noise and lights, and of course clearing of land and devaluing adjacent real estate. Windmills are given \$52 in subsidies for every million watt-hours generated, while subsidies for generating the same amount of electricity from nuclear, hydropower and coal are substantially cheaper. Generating one-million watts of power from coal and natural gas cost about 63 cents, nearly 100 times less than wind.

Since the early 1990s, our government has given more than \$24 billion dollars into windmill subsidies. When will our politicians wake up? I am a proponent of green energy but subsidizing windmills is throwing away taxpayer money. Their inefficiency has been well documented.

For the record, my husband and I own property and pay real estate taxes in 3 states: Iowa, Maine and Missouri.

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